SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: There is no question of somebody's being in power. What prompted the Minister to lay it now? May be the reasons are given in the statement. But why they should take eight years, the Minister can tell us briefly.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Committee on Papers Laid will look into this.

Report and Accounts (1978-79) of the Jammu and Kashmir State Agro Industries Development Corporation Limited Srinagar and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) Ninth Annual Report and Accounts of the Jammu and Kashmir State Agro Industries Development Corporation Limited, Srinagar, for the year 1978-79, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the Corporation.

II. Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at I (i) above.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—5076/87 for (I) and (II)]

MESSAGE FROM THE LOK SABHA

The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 1987

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Sir, I have to report to the House the following message received from the Lok Sabha, signed by the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha:

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 1987, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 19th November, 1987."

Sir, I lay a copy of the Bill on the Table.

RE: REQUEST FOR A CEASE-FIRE IN SRI LANKA

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY (Tamil Nadu): Madam, eighteen soldiers have been released by the LTTE. Through you, I make an appeal to the Government to order a cease-fire.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Re. D.A. to Central Government Employees

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): Sir, on the basis of the recommendations of the Fourth Pay Commission, as accepted by the Government for Groups 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' employees, the Dearness Allowance at the revised rates has become due for consideration with effect from 1-7-1987, on the basis of percentage increase in whole numbers in the twelve monthly average of the All India Consumer Price Index Numbers for Industrial Workers (General) (Base 1960—100) for the period ending 30-6-1987 over the index average of 608, the base figure to which the revised pay scales are pegged. The twelve monthly average CPI on 30-6-1987 is 687.5 which works out to an increase of 13.07 per cent over 608. Employees drawing basic pay upto Rs. 3500 are to be allowed 100 per cent neutralisation and those drawing basic pay between Rs. 3501 and Rs. 6000 75 per cent and those drawing basic pay above Rs. 6000—65 per cent and are, therefore, entitled to the revised D.A. of